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SUBJECT: PRE-UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSULTATIONS.

1. WHILE AUSTRALIA CONTINUES TO BE HELPFUL TO THE U.S. ON IMPORTANT POLITICAL ISSUES IN THE UN, THEIR NEW POLICY ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES INCREASINGLY CAUSES THEM TO TAKE POSITIONS ON UN ECONOMIC ISSUES CLOSER TO THE G-77 THAN THE OECD. WHILE WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS THAT WE CAN DO MUCH TO INFLUENCE THIS BASIC POLICY, WE WANT TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT THIS YEAR TO INCLUDE AUSTRALIA IN OUR PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS.

2. MISSION SHOULD SEEK AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WITH AUSTRALIAN MISSION, POINTING OUT THAT WE VALUE THE COOPERATION WE HAVE MAINTAINED OVER THE YEARS ON UN ISSUES AND WANT TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT THIS YEAR TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES WHICH WE WILL FACE. IN PAR-
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TICULAR WE WANT TO DEVELOP AS MUCH COMMON GROUND AS POSSIBLE ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, RECOGNIZING THAT THERE ARE OCCASIONS WHEN OUR POLICIES WILL PUT US ON DIFFERENT SIDES OF THE FENCE.

3. YOU SHOULD ASK AUSTRALIANS WHAT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO THEM IN TERMS OF PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS THIS YEAR.

(FYI WE WOULD PREFER TO HOLD THEM IN NEW YORK AND MAYNES
WOULD BE GLAD TO PARTICIPATE IF A CONVENIENT TIME COULD
BE WORKED OUT. HOWEVER, IF AUSTRALIANS PREFERRED, BARRY
MIGHT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO CANBERRA (AND WELLINGTON) IN
LATE AUGUST END FYI) VANCE

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